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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1947

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Wakefield Rural District Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman:
Councillor J. W. GOODWIN.

Vice-Chairman:
Councillor J. MILNE.

Committee:

Councillor F. BARKER	Councillor R. L. LATHAM
,, H. BARKER	,, H. TAYLOR
,, F. YEMM	,, R. H. WHITELEY
,, W. B. SPURR	,, W. SIDEBOTTOM
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,, E. KEEN	

Clerk to the Council:
GERALD ARMITAGE.

Deputy Clerk to the Council:
A. ELSTONE.

Medical Officer of Health:
Dr. W. G. EVANS, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector;
THOS. H. BRIDDICK, M.R.San.I., F.S.I.A., Etc.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:
E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

Clerk:
Miss RITA CUNNINGHAM.

Disinfector:
G. SCOTT.

Engineer and Surveyor:
W. E. MASSIE, M.Inst.M. & C.E.

21st September, 1948.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my first Annual Report.

You will appreciate that the Report covers largely a period during which my predecessor was in office and I am indebted to him and the Sanitary Inspector for most of the material used in compiling it.

From this, and from my own inspection, it is evident that, in spite of the progress made with housing, a great deal remains to be done. The situation is further complicated by water supply difficulties, which in some parishes are acute, and by lack of modern sewerage.

I should like to thank the Committee and the Officers of this Council for their kindness and help to me since my appointment.

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. EVANS.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Wakefield Rural District Council.

THE WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health

for the Year ending 31st December, 1947.

Section A.—Statistics and Social Conditions.

Statistics.

Area.—22,011 acres. Population.—18,110.

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1947) according to Rate Books.—5,115.

Rateable Value.—£81,737.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate.—£314 13s. 1d.

Social Conditions.

Coal-mining and its By-products, along with Agriculture are the chief industries; consequently the District is partly urban and partly rural. Such people as work in mills, etc., at Dewsbury, Ossett, Wakefield, etc., are transported to and fro by the excellent road and rail facilities.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M.	F.	
Live Births	..Legitimate	418	204	214	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 24·07
	...Illegitimate	18	10	8	
		436	214	222	
Still Births	...Legitimate	8	6	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) ... 18·02
	...Illegitimate	–	–	–	
		8	6	2	
Deaths	... ...	172	85	87	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 9·49

INFANTILE MORTALITY IN 1947.

Net deaths from stated causes under one year of age :—20.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 Week.	1—2 Weeks.	2—3 Weeks.	3—4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1—3 Months.	3—6 Months.	6—9 Months.	9—12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Premature Birth, Malformation, etc.	6	–	–	–	6	2	1	–	–	9
Spina Bifido	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Haemoptysis	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Bronchitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Intestinal Obstruction ..	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Congenital Atelectasis ..	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Broncho Pneumonia ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	2
Congenital Malformation of the Heart	–	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	2
Toxaemia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Convulsions	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Totals ..	9	2	–	–	11	3	2	3	1	20

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

England and Wales, per 1,000 live births ... 41

Wakefield Rural District Council ... 45·8

Causes of Death in 1947.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES.	FEMALES.
All Causes	85	87
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	..	..
2. Cerebro Spinal fever	..	..
3. Scarlet Fever	..	..
4. Whooping Cough	..	..
5. Diphtheria	..	..
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	4
7. Other Tuberculosis diseases	..	1
8. Syphilitic diseases	..	..
9. Influenza	..	..
10. Measles	..	..
11. Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio encephalitis ..	1	..
12. Encephalitis lethargica	..	..
13. Cancer, malignant disease	8	12
14. Diabetes	1	1
15. Intercranial vascular lesions	8	10
16. Heart Disease	20	18
17. Other circulatory diseases	4	4
18. Bronchitis	9	3
19. Pneumonia	1	8
20. Other respiratory diseases	1	3
21. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	..	..
22. Diarrhoea, under 2 years	1	..
23. Appendicitis	..	..
24. Other digestive diseases	4	1
25. Nephritis	2	4
26. Puerperal and post-abort : sepsis	..	..
27. Other maternal causes	..	..
28. Premature birth	3	2
29. Congenital debility, malformation, etc.	6	4
30. Suicide	1	..
31. Road Traffic Accident	1	..
32. Other violent causes	5	1
33. All other causes	7	11
Deaths of Infants under 1 year. — Total	11	9
Deaths of Infants under 1 year. — Legitimate	11	9
Deaths of Infants under 1 year. — Illegitimate	..	..
Live Births. — Total	214	222
Live Births. — Legitimate	204	214
Live Births. — Illegitimate	10	8
Still-Births. — Total	6	2
Still-Births. — Legitimate	6	2
Still-Births. — Illegitimate	..	..
Population (Resident)	18,110	

Birth-Rate, Death-Rate and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1947.

Birth-rates, Death-rates and Analysis of Mortality in the year 1947 } { England and Wales, West Riding Administrative County.

	Rate per 1,000 Total Population		Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population									Rate per 1,000 Live Bfrths	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza		Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years)	Total Deaths under one year
England and Wales	20·5	..	12·0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		5·8	41
West Riding Administrative County	21·5	..	12·3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		5·3	45
Wakefield R.D.C.	24·07	0·44	9·49	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00		2·3	45·8

Section B.—General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health (part time):

H. DERBYSHIRE ELLIOTT, M.B., Ch.B.
1st Jan. to 1st Oct., 1947.

Dr. W. G. EVANS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., B.A., M.A. *1st Oct. to 31st Dec., 1947.*

Sanitary Inspector: THOS. H. BRIDDICK, M.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.

(*Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Nuisances. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Meat and other Foods. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Sanitary Inspection, Law, Science and Hygiene. Diploma, Sanitary Training College, London, for Meat, Food and Drugs Inspection*).

Additional Sanitary Inspector: – E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

Laboratory Facilities.

The examination of spitum, swabs and other pathological specimens is carried out by the County Laboratory. Milk is also examined for tubercle bacilli and bacterial content by the County Laboratory, while water and food stuffs are submitted to the Public Analyst, Mr. Richardson, of Bradford.

Ambulance Facilities.

There are two motor ambulances for the removal of infectious disease patients to Carr Gate Hospital, and one for smallpox patients, which meet the requirements of the districts.

The ambulance service for non-infectious diseases is under the jurisdiction of the West Riding County Council.

Nursing at Home.

(*a*) General Nursing:— No arrangements by the Council.

(*b*) Nursing of Infectious Cases:— No arrangements for nursing at home.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

All clinics and treatment centres are under the jurisdiction of the West Riding County Council. Diphtheria immunisation is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and private practitioners.

Hospitals and Other Institutions.

(*a*) General Infectious Diseases:

(1) Carr Gate Isolation Hospital, Wakefield.
(2) Cardigan Smallpox Hospital, Wakefield.

(*b*) Voluntary Hospitals:

The hospitals used by the inhabitants in the area for accident and general diseases are:—

(1) Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.
(2) General Infirmary at Leeds.
(3) Hospital for Women at Leeds.

The Council has made no arrangements for the admission of patients into these voluntary institutions.

Some bodies of workmen, *e.g.*, coal miners, make contributions at fixed intervals, *e.g.*, weekly, to these voluntary institutions whereby their claim to admission, free treatment, etc. is secured.

(*c*) County Council Hospitals:

White Rose County Hospital, Wakefield.
Staincliffe County Hospital, Dewsbury.
Walton Hall Maternity Hospital, Walton.

Hospital Accommodation.

Hospital, Zymotic Diseases.

Carr Gate Hospital is governed by representatives of the Rural District of Wakefield, the Urban District of Stanley and the County Borough of Morley.

Persons suffering from Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever and Enteric Fever from these districts are admitted and treated in this hospital.

Occasionally, other infection diseases, *e.g*, measles, pertussis, mumps, are admitted, but as a rule accommodation will not allow their admission

Accommodation is provided for cases of erysipelas at the Carr Gate Isolation Hospital and the County Hospital, Wakefield.

Cardigan Smallpox Hospital.

This hospital is governed by a Smallpox Joint Hospital Board, comprised of representatives from the City of Wakefield, the Wakefield Rural District Council, the Urban District Councils of Stanley, Methley, Horbury and Rothwell, and the County Borough of Morley.

At the present time it is leased to the West Riding County Council and used as a sanatorium. The County Council has entered into an agreement to vacate immediately these premises should an outbreak of smallpox occur in any of the above districts.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

All houses in the district, with the exception of 25 isolated houses, have a piped supply of water laid on.

In the parish of Notton and Middlestown, there was a shortage of water during the year. In Notton, this was chiefly due to the drought, the water supplied from Barnsley through Royston, was reduced 50 per cent.

In the parish of Sitlington, the shortage was due to frequent bursts in the 15 inch main, between Halifax and Dewsbury, which supplies the reservoir at Thornhill.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewers are still required in the parishes of Warmfield-cum-Heath, Sharlston, Crofton, Crigglestone, Sitlington, Bretton, Woolley, Notton and Wintersett.

In the parish of Warmfield-cum-Heath with the exception of the new Council Houses the whole of the houses drain into cesspools or open ditches.

In the hamlet of Warmfield the conditions are very unsatisfactory. Several of these open ditches are for the greater part of the year full of stagnant sewage, some of them within a few feet of the public footpath.

Spring Hill Area in the Parish of Crofton drains into the brook which flows through that part of the district. A scheme for its drainage is held in abeyance.

In the Parish of Sharlston, Foulby Area is developing and here cesspools are constructed to take the drainage from all the houses.

This area is one in which developments would rapidly proceed if there was an efficient sewer constructed.

Woolley Moor, Dennington and Great Cliffe in the Parish of Crigglestone, are unsatisfactorily sewered. At Dennington the house drains discharge into the brook, at Great Cliffe part of the houses discharge into an open ditch and the remainder into the covered drain discharging into the stream near the Railway Station.

All sewage works in the district are quite satisfactory and the sewage conveyed thereto has been treated in an efficient manner, with the exception of the Parish of Sitlington. Reconstruction of the sewage works at Horbury Bridge is still under consideration.

952 houses are not connected to the sewers. These drain into cesspools and ditches.

Rivers and Streams

There were no complaints from the West Riding of Yorkshire Rivers' Board regarding any of the effluents from the sewage works.

Pollution of rivers and streams is prevalent in Crigglestone, Notton, Bretton and Crofton. This pollution taking place through the house drainage finding its way direct without treatment.

Closet Accommodation.

Types of Closet Accommodation in the District:

Water Closets	3861
Slop Closets	—
Tub Closets	69
Privy Middens	497
Dry Ashpits	20

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

Infectious Diseases.

Scarlet Fever.

102 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

The attack rate per 1,000 population was 5·63.

Notification of all infectious diseases is chiefly given by telephone. This expedites the removal of the patients to the Isolation Hospital and to a large degree minimizes the spread of infection.

99 cases were treated in the Isolation Hospital, and there were no deaths.

Diphtheria.

3 Cases of Diphtheria were reported and all these were removed to the Isolation Hospital where two were subsequently found not to be suffering from Diphtheria.

Diphtheria Immunisation for the year 1947.

Children who had completed Full Course.

under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10–14 years	Total under 15
42	103	188	186	141	342	207	1,209

There was one death during the year between the age of five and six years.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1947.

Diseases	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths		
			M.	F.	TOTAL
Smallpox	–	–	–	–	–
Scarlet Fever	102	102	–	–	–
Diphtheria	3	3	–	–	–
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid..	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Fever	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–
Pneumonia	19	–	–	–	–
Other Diseases generally notifiable :					
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ..	2	2	–	–	–
Acute Poliomyelitis	5	5	–	–	–
Acute Polio-Encephalitis ..	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas	3	–	–	–	–
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	3	–	–	–	–
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–
Measles	234	–	–	–	–
Whooping Cough	62	–	–	–	–
Malaria	1	–	–	–	–
Totals ..	434	112	–	–	–

Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality during 1947.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
15—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
25—	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	—
35—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	5	—	3	2	4	—	1

Tuberculosis Notifications (New Cases) for past 10 years.

Year	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1938	6	3	3	7	4	4	2	1
1939	–	8	–	2	2	6	–	2
1940	11	6	1	1	4	–	2	1
1941	8	9	–	3	5	5	1	1
1942	3	5	7	2	2	6	–	–
1943	8	4	4	3	4	3	–	2
1944	8	4	1	4	3	5	1	–
1945	6	2	3	–	1	–	–	1
1946	4	2	4	1	5	1	2	1
1947	1	5	–	3	2	4	–	1

Tuberculosis Cases admitted into Sanatoriums during the year 1947.

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
M	F	M	F
1	5	—	1

Verminous Persons.

Arrangements for cleansing of verminous people, clothing, bedding and all textile articles likely to contain vermin, are made with the City of Leeds when the occurrence arises. The infested articles are steam disinfected and, during the occupier's stay at the cleansing station, the premises are fumigated. No action was necessary for dealing with verminous persons.

Disinfection.

This is carried out at every place where a notifiable infectious disease has occurred, and where there has been a death from Tuberculosis. Houses in which active cases of Tuberculosis reside are disinfected periodically — every 3 months. Disinfection is also done when a tuberculous person leaves home and enters a sanatorium.

The method employed is formalin sprayer and lamps.

This work is done by a trained workman under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

Prevention of Blindness.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from injury or any diseases of the eyes.

WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector

for the year 1947.

Gentlemen,

I respectfully submit my Annual Report for the year 1947.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. H. BRIDDICK, M.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector.

No. of Statutory Notices served Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 39)	6
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 75) ...	54
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec 269) ...	5
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 93) ...	3
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 47) ...	2
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 277) ...	1
,, ,, Statutory Notices Public Health Act 1936	1
,, ,, Informal Notices Public Health Act 1936 (Sec. 93) ...	3
,, ,, Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 168) ...	1
,, ,, Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 12)... ...	8
,, ,, Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 11)... ..	67
,, ,, Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 9)	8
,, ,, Statutory Notices Housing Act 1936 (Sec. 155) ...	12
,, ,, Statutory Notices Factory Act 1937	1
,, ,, Informal Letters	33
,, ,, Letters sent	631
Total ...	836

Number of Nuisances reported to Sanitary Committee ...	72
Number of nuisances outstanding, 1946	1
Number abated on service of Statutory Notice (Public Health Acts)	73
Do. abated before Statutory Notice was served ...	—
Do. of reported nuisances outstanding, 1947 ...	—

Houses Erected, 1947.

	Bretton	Crigglestone	Crofton	Chevet	Newland	Notton	Sharlston	Sitlington	Walton	Warmfield	Wintersett	Woolley	Total
Private Enterprise and Subsidy ..	—	8	3	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	18
By the Council under 1936 Acts Houses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	6
Total ..	—	8	3	—	—	5	1	6	1	—	—	—	24

Inhabited Houses.

Parish	Houses
Chevet	15
Crigglestone	1264
Crofton	841
Newland-cum-Woodhouse	7
Notton	161
Sharlston	747
Sitlington	1012
Walton	414
Warmfield-cum-Heath	257
Bretton West	92
Wintersett	14
Woolley	291
TOTAL	5115

Sanitary Inspection of Area.

General District Inspection	314
Notifiable Infectious Diseases	93
Cowsheds	230
Meat Distributing Centres	47
Interviews and Appointments in District	335
Investigations of Complaints	168
Inspections of Works for the Abatement of Nuisances ...	122
Ice-Cream Shops	12
Petroleum	24
Drain Testing	24
Shops	339
Inspection of Houses	233
Refuse Tips	146
Flooding	48
Salvage	88
Bakehouses	50
Factories	46
Applicants Premises re Council Houses	37
Rats and Mice	801
Other Visits	280
Fish Shops	40
Water Samples	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds	20
Distribution of Food Gifts to Old People	450
TOTAL ...	3954

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED, Year 1947.

PARISH	Drains taken out	New Drains laid	Drains found defective	Stoppped Drains cleansed	Gully Traps affixed	Inspection Chambers built	Drains ventilated	Sink Wastes repaired	Sink Wastes trapped	New Sinks affixed	Water Conductors repaired	Fall Pipes diconnected	Water Closets repaired	W.C.s provided	Privies converted into W.C.s	Ashpits repaired	New Ashpits provided	W.C., Soil & Vent Pipes rep'd	Dirty Houses cleansed	Urinals repaired	Houses damp	House Roofs repaired	House Floors repaired	Plaster-work repaired	Yards paved	Animals kept to be a nuisance	Swine removed	Dilapidations repaired	Cesspools repaired	Cowsheds repaired	Dairies repaired	New Cesspools provided	Sewage Disposal Plants prov.	Sewage Disposal Plants rep'd	Other Items	TOTAL
Chevet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crigglestone	..	3	5	9	6	...	..	8	..	4	..	..	15	..	1	1	77	3	4	..	6	16	8	24	8	..	..	5	2	1	1	..	..		..	207
Crofton	..	4	5	11	..	1	..	8	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	6	8	4	4	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Newland-cum-Woodhouse ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	8
Notton	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	...	..	28
Sharlston	..	1	6	15	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	20	23	6	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Sitlington	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Walton	..	..	3	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	.	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Warmfield-cum-Heath ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
West Bretton	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Wintersett	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Woolley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	4
TOTAL ..	..	11	26	49	7	1	..	38	1	7	..	.	29	5	2	1	82	4	19	..	36	54	27	48	8	2	..	27	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	491

Disinfections.

Disinfections are carried out by workmen specially trained for this work and the method adopted is spraying with Formaldy-hyde and Formalin Lamps. During the year 142 disinfections were carried out by this method. In the case of verminous houses, de-infestation is done by spraying with a special insecticide and fumigation with sulphor candles.

Disinfectants are supplied free for use in houses where a case of infectious disease has occurred and where Tuberculosis patients reside. Stores for the supply of disinfectants are situated in each of the Townships and supplies are issued on the production of a note signed either by myself or the disinfector.

The wasteful manner in which it was used in the past compelled me to curtail the issue of fluid disinfectant.

The following disinfections were carried out during 1947 :—

DISINFECTIONS	DISEASES										
	Tuberculosis	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Enteric	Vermin	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Cancer	Other Cases	Poliomyelitis	TOTAL
Private Dwelling Houses	5	101	3	—	—	16	2	1	—	4	132
Schools	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Day Nursery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternity Homes ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
TOTAL ..	5	101	3	—	—	16	2	1	10	4	142

The result of the disinfections for zymotic diseases has been very satisfactory and no secondary cases have occurred that could be traced to the inefficiency of the method adopted.

The total number of houses disinfected for tuberculosis during the year was 5.

Disinfestation.

16 houses were found to be infested with bugs during the year.

Food and Drugs.

No samples were submitted to the Public Analyst during the year.

Cowsheds, Milk Shops, Dairies.

On the 31st December, 1947, there were 40 wholesale producers, 76 producer retailers and retailers.

230 visits were made during the year to farms and dairies; the average number of dairy cattle kept in the district was 1,250.

Milk.

57 samples of milk produced on Accredited Farms in the district, were submitted for examination by Inspectors of the West Riding County Council. Of these 33 were found to be satisfactory, and 24 unsatisfactory.

Food Inspection.

6 1-lb. glass jars of Hartley's Strawberry Jam.
3 1-lb. glass jars of Marmalade.
1 12-oz. tin of Chopped Ham.
3 13 oz. tins of Van Camp Evaporated Milk.
3 14½-oz. tins of Pet Milk.
20 14½-oz. tins of Luncheon Meat.
3 tins A.1. Peas.
6¾ lbs. Butter.
3½ Lard.
1 cwt. Danish Butter "Lurbrand."
2 25-lb. boxes of Mayfair Santaclair Prunes.
1 16-lb. tin of Fraybentos Corn Beef (decomposition).
5 lb. Broken Mint Rock (Impregnated with broken glass).
1 ½ tin of Grade I Salmon.
2 2 and ½ tins of Bachelor's Peas.
3 16-oz. tins of Evaporated Milk (Henry Ford & Co., Chigago).
1 16-oz. tin of Vegetable Meat Ration.
1 A.1. Tall Bachelor's Beans in Tomato.

In the district there are 27 Fish Friers. The conditions at these premises were found satisfactory. 40 visits were made to these premises.

Petroleum and like Substances.

28 premises are licensed for the storage of Petroleum. There were no accidents during the year and no contraventions of the Petroleum Act discovered.

Canal Boats.

There are no Canal Boats registered in the district. Canal Boats worked in the district are chiefly day boats on which there is no sleeping accommodation. These boats pass through several districts on their journeys.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1.	Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—	
	(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	233
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	27
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notice :—	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	27
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—	
	(a) Proceedings under section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	8
	(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By owners	8
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
	(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	72

(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of notices :—	
	(a) By owners	72
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	—
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	8
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	—

Sanitary Conveniences.

Water Closets	3861
Covered Privy Middens	497
Open Privy Middens	20
Tub or Pail Closets	69
Covered Dry Ashpits	—
Open Dry Ashpits	20
Ashbins	3921

Scavenging.

The total cost of house refuse collection, cleansing of cesspools, and collection of waste paper, rags and bones, was £6658 7s 2d., throughout the district during the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948. Included in this amount is £895 the cost of a new Dennis Waggon. The income to the Cleansing Department for waste paper, rags and bones, and for work done to Private Cesspools was £401 3s. 4d., this gives a net cost of cleansing of £5362 3s. 10d. The average cost per house was £1 1s. 0d.

The amount paid in wages was £4177 17s. 4d., petrol £453 7s. 3d., leaving a balance of £730 11s. 3d. for tyres, spares and general maintenance.